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SPRING BRINGS GARDENS UP THROUGH THE SOUTH

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After a long, cold, wet winter, the South gave a warm welcome to Spring, as, long past due, it moved up from the Gulf of Mexico. Millions of home gardeners were beginning to wonder if they would be able to plant their vegetable seeds and set out their seedling plants in time to reap a harvest that would help the Nation conserve food. They were, as these pictures recently taken in four Gulf States prove.

(EDITORS AND WRITERS: You may obtain 8x10 glossy prints of any of the pictures here shown free on request to the Press Service, Office of Information, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C.)

- (1) At Crowley, Louisiana, Rita Nicholson takes time off from the office where she works to display one of the big cabbages she helped grow in her family's garden. Home gardens in the South usually run larger than those in northern towns.
- (2) In New Orleans, Louisiana, Audry Tindle, an office worker, uses her noon hour to dust an insecticide over the cabbage plants growing nicely in the small garden plot assigned to her in back of the building where she works.
- (3) In Gulfport, Mississippi, high school students take their turn with the hoe and the cultivator. Don Padgett and Bonnie Keys tackle the weeds in the Keys vegetable garden.
- (4) In Gulfport, Mississippi, night watchman G. E. K. Porter pulls onions from his garden.
- (5) Down in Robertsedale, Alabama, Ary Van Bendegon, a retired sheet metal worker, picks strawberries from his patch. His family canned more than 600 quarts of berries from this patch in 1947. They expect to do even better this year.
- (6) In Statesboro, Georgia, Mrs. Cyler Waters gets expert advice from County Agent Byron Dyer on how deep to plant vegetable seeds in her small home garden.

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